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GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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**Current DOH Recommendations for Treatment of Persons Potentially Exposed to Anthrax in Mail-Handling Facilities**

<b>If you are ...</b>	<b>And you ...</b>	<b>Treatment Recommendations</b>
Someone who handled mail in or visited the back (i.e., non-customer) areas of the Brentwood or State Department Annex #32 postal facilities	Have been on prophylactic Cipro™, Doxycycline or another prescribed antibiotic	Continue taking the medication you have been prescribed for the full 60-day course
Someone who handled mail in any U.S. Postal Service or private mail facility that has tested <b>positive</b> for the presence of Anthrax	Are in the middle of your initial supply of antibiotics	Continue taking the medication you have been prescribed for the full 60-day course
Someone who handled mail in any U.S. Postal Service or private mail facility that has tested <b>negative</b> for the presence of Anthrax	Have been on prophylactic Cipro™, Doxycycline or another prescribed antibiotic	You do not need to be on antibiotics, and you should stop taking them unless you have some other condition for which they are prescribed
A postal customer	Never entered the back areas of any postal facility	You do not need to be on antibiotics, and you should stop taking them unless you have some other condition for which they are prescribed
Someone who handles mail in a non-governmental mailroom which has a zip code beginning with '200' and which uses automated or mechanized sorting equipment	Have been on prophylactic Cipro™, Doxycycline or another prescribed antibiotic	Continue taking the medication until environmental testing of your facility indicates whether Anthrax was actually present. If the facility tests <b>negative</b> for the presence of Anthrax, discontinue the antibiotics.
Not in any of the above categories	Are taking antibiotics as a "precaution" against Anthrax	You do not need to be on antibiotics, and you should stop taking them unless you have some other condition for which they are prescribed